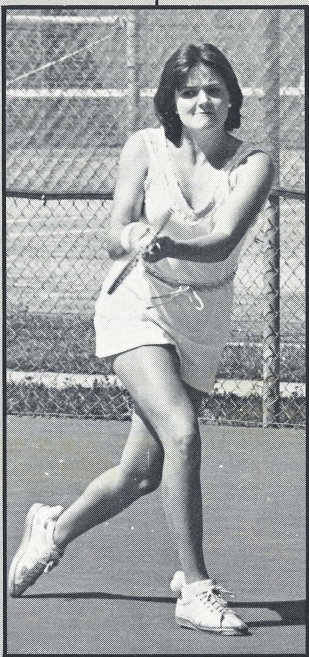


1980 SCHEDULE

M — Men's Match W — Women's Match

CENTENARY FACTS

LOCATION: Shreveport, Louisiana
FOUNDED: 1825, oldest private institution of higher education
in U.S. west of Mississippi River
PRESIDENT: Dr. Donald A. Webb
DEAN: Dr. Dorothy Gwin
ENROLLMENT: 960
TEAM NICKNAMES: Ladies and Gentlemen
SCHOOL COLORS: Bright Maroon and White
CONFERENCE: Trans America Athletic (NCAA Division I) and
AIAW Division II for women
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Floyd Horgen
AIAW REPRESENTATIVE: Dr. Betty Haley
TENNIS COACH: Jimmy Harrison
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TENNIS

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THE 1980 OUTLOOK

THE LADIES — Centenary's Ladies last year won the Louisiana AIAW Division II championship and placed fourth in the Southwest Regional. The top four players return off that team and four strong players have been added.

So prospects are excellent for this spring. "Our goal is to make the AIAW Division II national tournament," says Coach Jimmy Harrison.

The returning players are Yugoslavians Zora Tumbas and Blanka Blazetic and Shreveporters Lynn Krause and Sandra Duncan. All had good records last spring.

Newcomers are transfer Valerie Harrison, top player at Louisiana Tech the past two years, and three freshmen—Davina Yates from Australia, Patty Hermida from Chile and Missy Moore from Lake Charles.

Depth thus is a strong suit. Combine that with the quality Harrison feels the team has and it should add to a good record.

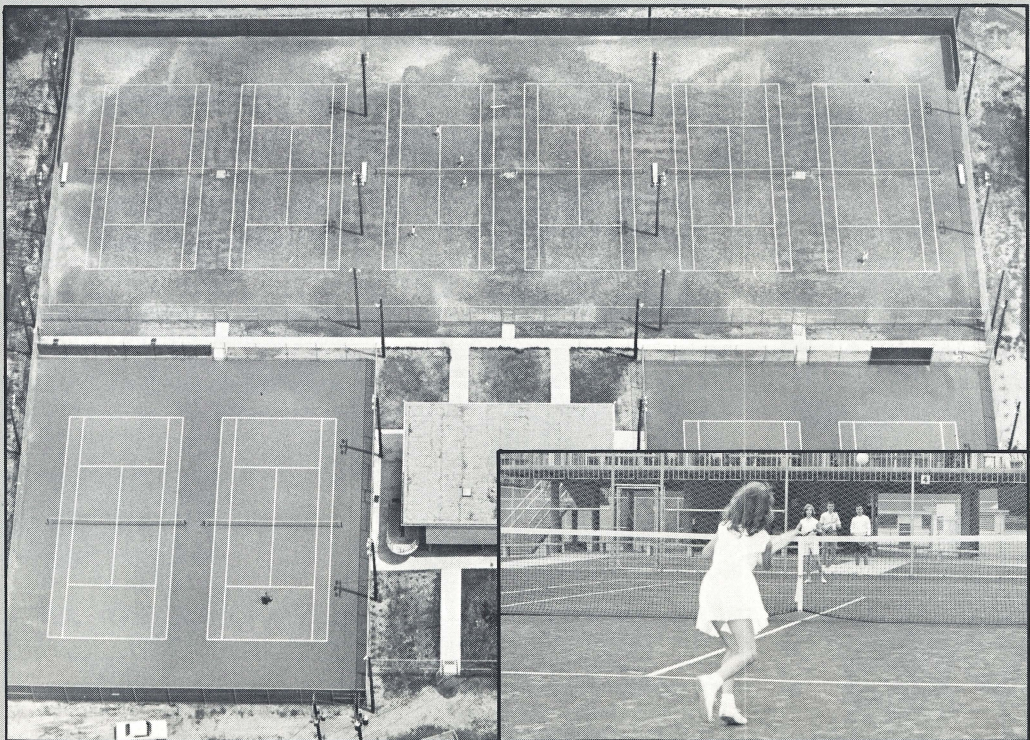
THE GENTLEMEN — For the second year, Centenary will be competing in the Trans America Athletic Conference—a league toughened by the addition of Northwestern State, Georgia Southern and Arkansas-Little Rock.

"It's a strong tennis conference," says Harrison, "and we hope to be competitive in it."

The Gents return four players off last year's team that was fourth in the TAAC—Mark Eldredge, Will Downs, Philip Hirsch and Nick Stephens.

The whole picture was strengthened by the addition of transfer Don Russell, the probable No. 1 player. Also new are redshirt Mike Ameen and transfer James Filipowski.

"It's a very balanced team," says Harrison, "and the lineup order will change from week-to-week. The depth will help us and their attitude is the best of any team I've ever coached at any level."



ABOUT CENTENARY TENNIS ... AND SHREVEPORT

The tennis "boom" hit the United States, in general, and Shreveport, in particular, during the 1970's.

Now Jimmy Harrison aims to spread the "boom" to Centenary College in the 1980's.

No doubt, he has a town with a willing tennis community and with excellent tennis facilities.

The Gents Club, Centenary's booster organization for athletics, has over one hundred donors giving specifically for tennis.

Centenary's three campus courts are newly resurfaced and improved and there are plans for additional courts in the near future.

Harrison has converted Haynes Gym, Centenary's old gymnasium, into an indoor tennis facility for practice sessions—making it possible for work every day.

Shreveport is loaded with impressive tennis courts, like the Pierremont Oaks Tennis Center and Greater Shreveport Indoor Racquet Club, Southern Hills Tennis Center, Riverside Tennis Club and the various country clubs.

But most useful—and most convenient—to Centenary's players is the SPAR Tennis Center at Querbes Park, located just a long volley away from Centenary's beautiful Gold Dome, where athletic department offices are located.

For the first time this season, Centenary will play some home matches at the SPAR Center. (It is pictured below).

It is the site of many annual championships, like the Louisiana State Open, the Louisiana State Closed, high school state and district tournaments and the Southern Boys and Girls 18s.

Also played in Shreveport each year are the National Boys 14s, the National Men's 35s, the Southern qualifying in 12 and 14s, the Independence Bowl tournament and a number of other events.

Tracy Austin is among the youngsters who made Shreveport a stopping point in recent years. Jimmy Connors, Billie Jean King and Wendy Turnbull have played in exhibitions in the Gold Dome.

Kay McDaniel is a Shreveport product now on the women's pro tour. Shreveport schools like Captain Shreve, Byrd, Jesuit and St. Vincent's have dominated Louisiana prep tennis.

Jimmy Harrison and his family have been part of that domination—he as Byrd High coach, the kids as players at Captain Shreve. And they've been very involved with the national, state and local junior circuits.

The contacts he's made that way, Harrison hopes, will help him recruit quality players to Centenary. "We're building," he offers, "and we have an excellent school to attract them. It's quality education and we'll have quality tennis to match."

"The people in our community have proven they'll support that."

THE LADIES

ZORICA TUMBAS

5-5, 120, Sophomore, Subotica, Yugoslavia ... No. 1 player last year as a freshman ... 14-7 singles record, winning state title and fourth in regional ... teamed with Sandra Duncan for 11-8 record in No. 1 doubles ... ranked 7th in women's singles in Yugoslavia ... national 19s champion and played on national women's team and national juniors ... born Dec. 21, 1959 ... Chemistry major.



BLANKA BLAZETIC

5-5, 130, Junior, Zagreb, Yugoslavia ... the team's veteran ... No. 1 player as a freshman and No. 2 last year ... coming off knee surgery in the fall ... had a 13-7 singles record last spring, won the state AIAW Division II title and took third in the Southwest Regional ... teamed with Lynn Krause for a 15-3 doubles record, including 13 straight wins ... lost in regional finals ... ranked as No. 11 women's singles player in Yugoslavia ... born July 31, 1958 ... Math major.



MISSY MOORE

5-7½, 120, Freshman, Lake Charles, La. ... product of Barbe High where she played four years ... on district-winning doubles team three years and singles champ last year ... team captain three years ... ranked No. 5 in state girls 18s ... active in summer circuit play and also taught tennis in Lake Charles Rec program ... her father is a high school coach and mother is a college Health and P.E. teacher ... born June 25, 1961 ... Pre-Law major



LYNN KRAUSE

5-2, 124, Senior, Shreveport, La. ... transferred to Centenary from Tyler (Tex.) Jr. College last year and played No. 3 singles with 14-6 record, state title and regional consolation title ... 15-3 in No. 2 doubles with Blanka Blazetic ... product of Southwood High where she played four years, making the state tournament three times ... earned state ranking in women's open singles and doubles ... born Feb. 11, 1958 ... Accounting major.



PATRICIA HERMIDA

5-3, 105, Freshman, Santiago, Chile ... came to Centenary at mid-term ... one of top six women players in her country and tops among 18s ... represented Chile in tournaments in several South American countries—Colombia, Venezuela, Uruguay and Bolivia ... played in the Orange Bowl Tournament and Sunshine Cup in Miami before coming to Centenary ... born Oct. 15, 1961 ... Health and P.E. major.



VALERIE HARRISON

5-3, 112, Junior, Shreveport, La. ... transferred from Louisiana Tech where she was the team's No. 1 player and MVP the past two years ... had a 47-16 overall record ... product of Captain Shreve High where she lost two matches in three years ... only girl to win state titles in singles, doubles and mixed doubles in history ... ranked No. 2 in state girls 18s and No. 1 in doubles ... No. 12 in South singles and No. 2 in South doubles ... played in first Seventeen Tennis Tournament of Champions, National Clay Courts, Easter Bowl and Sugar Bowl Championships ... born Jan. 18, 1958 ... Health and P.E. major.



SANDRA DUNCAN

5-3, 115, Sophomore, Shreveport, La. ... No. 4 for Ladies last year when she had a 15-5 singles record ... won state AIAW Division II title and consolation title in regional ... teamed with Zora Tumbas for 11-8 doubles record ... product of Fair Park High ... had 50-5 singles record in three years there ... ranked No. 7 in state 18s singles and No. 4 in 18 doubles and No. 7 in South doubles ... born Dec. 17, 1960 ... Business major.



DAVINA YATES

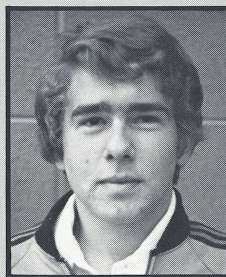
5-6, 125, Freshman, Melbourne, Australia ... came to Centenary through a contact with Midland (Tex.) Junior College ... played in Lawn Tennis Association of Victoria (state) competition for five years ... received the "Light Blue" award for tennis at her school, Templeton House ... nicknamed D.D. ... Born Aug. 21, 1961 ... Health and P.E. major.



THE GENTLEMEN

NICK STEPHENS

5-7, 150, Sophomore, Houston, Tex. ... was 4-10 at No. 6 singles last year, but was only Gent winner in semis of TAAC tournament ... on high school team in Houston, he was district doubles winner his last two years ... ranked No. 8 in Texas last year of 16s ... once ranked nationally, No. 27 in 12 singles ... his father also played tennis at Centenary ... born March 17, 1960 ... Geology major.



PHILIP HIRSCH

6-1, 185, Senior, Shreveport, La. ... had 7-12 at No. 4 singles for the Gents last year and was 9-7 in doubles with Will Downs ... a tennis player for only four years ... played No. 1 at Southfield High, won regional singles title ... made finals of men's division of East Texas Open last year and won doubles ... product of Southfield High ... born July 22, 1958 ... Business major.



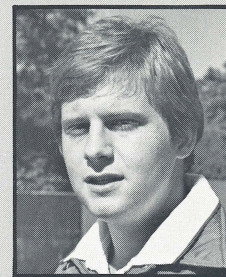
DON RUSSELL

5-11, 165, Junior, Sarasota, Fla. ... transferred in at midterm and is the probable No. 1 singles player ... played junior college tennis for both Indian River Community College and Manatee JC ... played No. 2 singles at Manatee and had a 17-1 record, the only loss coming in the semifinals of state tournament ... won two Florida USTA titles in singles and two in doubles last summer ... one of Florida's top five in doubles rankings ... attended Riverview School ... played baseball there ... born March 1, 1957 ... Business major.



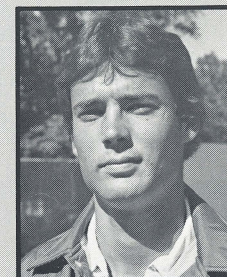
JAMES FILIPOWSKI

6-1, 195, Junior, Shreveport ... transfer from LSU-Shreveport, which did not field a tennis team ... a four-year letterman at Jesuit High ... won Triple-A regional singles titles in junior and senior years, was a state finalist as a senior ... excellent doubles player, will probably team with Don Russell at No. 1 doubles ... owns and operates a tennis shop in Shreveport ... born March 3, 1958 ... Business major.



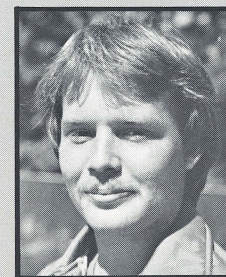
MARK ELDREDGE

5-11, 160, Sophomore, Richardson, Tex. ... played No. 2 singles last spring with 6-10 record and was 5-8 in No. 1 doubles ... he is part of No. 1-ranked 21 doubles team in Texas ... won titles at Cotton Bowl and Waco Open in doubles ... TAAF state champion in doubles and singles in 1976 ... ranked 17th in 16s singles in Texas and eighth in doubles, moving up to fifth in doubles the next year ... MVP of his high school team and all-district three years ... born April 7, 1960 ... Accounting major.



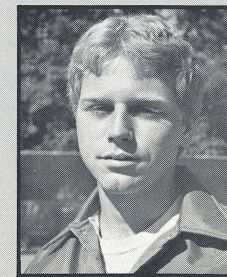
MIKE AMEEN

5-11, 175, Soph, Richardson, Tex. ... sat out last season as a redshirt transfer from Stephen F. Austin University ... did not play while at SFA because of a broken leg ... three-year letterman for Berkner High of Richardson ... two years All District ... third in Texas state AAA tourney as a junior, team's MVP in '76 ... married to a former Centenary cheerleader, Becky Murphy ... born Jan. 5, 1959 ... Business major.



WILL DOWNS

5-10, 160, Junior, Magnolia, Ark. ... the team's veteran with two letters ... has had singles records of 6-15 and 9-11 in the Nos. 2 and 3 positions the past two years ... teamed with Philip Hirsch for a 9-7 doubles record last year ... coming off operation, will start slowly this spring ... busy in school activities—yearbook, stage band, student government ... Dean's list student ... has a younger brother who is a fine college tennis prospect ... born Aug. 4, 1959 ... Geology major.



JIMMY HARRISON

Tennis Coach

If you're looking for enthusiasm, find Jimmy Harrison. He makes it contagious.

When he became Centenary's first full-time coach for tennis—men's and women's—in the summer of '79, Harrison immediately began making plans.

He talked of improving the schedule, the facilities and recruiting some of the many young quality tennis players he's been in contact with in recent years.

And already Centenary's tennis program is reaping the benefits.

For Harrison, tennis is—pardon the expression—a love match. And a family affair.

He was a football coach who made tennis his adopted game.

"I began to get interested when I took over the Byrd High program. Then, my kids began playing, too," he recalls. "And I wanted to be more than a schedule-maker and chaperone. So I tried to learn about the playing skills and strategy. I've done a lot of watching and listening.

"The game is much like golf," he adds. "There is a different shot for every situation. I tried to learn what needed to be done so I could teach it."

In football and tennis, Harrison is known as a disciplinarian who demands hard work. Off the playing arena, he is friendly and jolly.

And his teams have been very successful. In 1965, his Arcadia High football team won the Louisiana Class B state title. He took a struggling Byrd High program and quickly rebuilt it into a state playoff team, earning "Coach of the Year" honors in Shreveport in 1970.

He stepped into a tennis dynasty at Byrd in 1969. In eight years, his teams won 102 dual matches and lost only seven. They won five state championships and finished second in the state three times.

Meanwhile the five Harrison kids—Vickie, Valerie, Mark, twins Pat and Pattie—attended Captain Shreve. All played or are playing tennis, helping Shreve to state championships.

And the Harrisons are active in summer juniors play, traveling around the country and hosting and housing many players visiting Shreveport for tournaments.

Harrison was a football star at Byrd in the mid-1940's and entered Centenary in 1946, transferring to Louisiana Tech in 1948 after Centenary dropped football. He was an All-American halfback for Tech and voted best all-around athlete at Tech in 1949.

His mother, Lucy Vinson Harrison, and father-in-law, Pat Malloy, also attended Centenary. Mrs. Harrison (Jeannine) is also a lifetime Shreveport resident.

Harrison is a U.S. Army veteran who served in Germany and coached at Plain Dealing, Cotton Valley, Arcadia and Parkway Junior High in Bossier City before returning to Byrd, where he was head coach from 1969-76. He then was the principal of Arcadia High School and Plain Dealing Academy before returning to Centenary.



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